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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Deputy Legislative Counsel

FROM:

Walter Elder

SUBJECT:

John A. McCone

- 1. Mr. McCone has called me twice again in connection with his interest in charter legislation. He has not heard from the DCI since Mr. McCone sent him a letter about his exchange of views with Senator Cranston. I told him that I thought a reply was in the works.
- 2. For your information, Mr. McCone has mapped out a schedule for the months ahead which gives him little leeway or flexibility. He plans to sit down with Senator Cranston on 8 or 9 January in California (reckoning that Congress will convene about 15 January), and he would like the following:
 - An up-to-date version of the Senate bill;
 - The administration's views on the bill:
 - The DCI's views on the bill;
 - A talking paper to use with Cranston.
- 3. When and if he gets a letter from the DCI "enclosing a copy of our views on the legislation," he will expect me to know all about it.
- 4. If I'm brought up to date, then I can keep Mr. McCone informed. It is important that we channel his efforts, but we should not expect him to parrot the administration's position.
- 5. What can I tell Mr. McCone at this time about charter legislation? What about the House side.?

Walter Elder

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